

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

**Claims pending**

- At time of the Action: Claims 1-10, 12-13, 16-19, and 21-24.
- After this Response: Claims 1-10, 12-13, 16-19, and 21-24.

**Canceled or Withdrawn claims:** 11, 14-15, and 20.

**Amended claims:** Claims 19.

**New claims:** None.

1. **(Previously Presented)** An apparatus for running wire, the apparatus comprising:

a projectile launcher, comprising:

a housing including a biasing member attached to a piston; and

a locking member for retaining the piston in a biased position and

for triggering release of the piston,

a pull string,

a projectile adapted to connect to the pull string;

wherein the piston accelerates upon release and propels the pull string attached to the projectile toward a target, and

wherein the projectile and the pull string are not connected to the projectile launcher upon release of the piston.

2. **(Original)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the pull string is attached to one or more wires.

1           3.     **(Original)**   The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the projectile  
2 comprises a deformable sack containing weighted filler material.

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4           4.     **(Original)**   The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the projectile further  
5 comprises at least one fastener.

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7           5.     **(Original)**   The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the pull string is  
8 attached to at least one fastener.

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10          6.     **(Original)**   The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the housing  
11 comprises a tube.

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13          7.     **(Original)**   The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the tube has an open  
14 proximal end and a closed distal end.

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16          8.     **(Original)**   The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the biasing member  
17 comprises a coil spring.

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19          9.     **(Original)**   The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the coil spring is  
20 attached to the housing.

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22          10.    **(Original)**   The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the piston includes a  
23 notch for engaging the locking member.

1           11.    **(Withdrawn)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the piston includes  
2 a groove for engaging the locking member.

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4           12.    **(Original)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the piston includes  
5 one or more guide pins for moving the piston.

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7           13.    **(Original)** The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the one or more  
8 guide pins slide within corresponding slots in the housing.

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10          14.    **(Withdrawn)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the piston includes  
11 a rod for moving the piston.

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13          15.    **(Withdrawn)** The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the rod includes a  
14 plunger handle extending from the housing.

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16          16.    **(Original)** The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising one or  
17 more rails shielding the locking member from accidental triggering.

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19          17.    **(Original)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the locking member  
20 comprises a latch.

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22          18.    **(Original)** The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the latch comprises  
23 a retaining member for engaging the piston.

1           19.   **(Currently Amended)**   An apparatus for running wire, the  
2 apparatus comprising:

3           projectile launching means, comprising:

4                 a piston;

5                 biasing means for accelerating a the piston, wherein the biasing  
6                 means is attached to the piston; and

7                 locking means for retaining the piston in a biased position and for  
8                 triggering release of the piston; and

9                 a pull string;

10                a projectile attached to the pull string;

11                wherein release of the piston propels the pull string attached to the  
12 projectile toward a target; and

13                wherein the projectile and the pull string are not connected to any portion  
14 of the projectile launching means upon release of the piston.

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16           20.   **(Withdrawn)** A method for running wire, the method comprising:

17                creating a path to a desired target;

18                propelling a pull string attached to a projectile toward the desired target;

19                using the pull string to draw wire to the desired target.

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21           21.   **(Previously Presented)**   The apparatus of claim 1, the projectile  
22 further comprising a locating beacon.

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24           22   **(Previously Presented)**   The apparatus of claim 1, the projectile  
25 further comprising a luminescent surface.

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2 23. **(Previously Presented)** An apparatus, comprising:  
3 a housing;  
4 a piston, the piston at least partially enclosed within the housing;  
5 a coil spring, the coil spring attached to the piston and at least partially  
6 enclosed within the housing;  
7 a locking device, comprising:  
8 a lock; and  
9 a trigger, the lock configured to hold the coil spring in a  
10 compressed position and the trigger configured to release the coil spring from the  
11 compressed position when the trigger is activated; and  
12 a wire;  
13 a projectile, comprising:  
14 a deformable sack;  
15 weighted material;  
16 a wire attaching mechanism configured to attach the wire to the  
17 projectile; and  
18 a locating beacon;  
19 wherein the projectile is configured to sit within the housing and be  
20 propelled upon activation of the trigger, and wherein the projectile and the wire  
21 are entirely disconnected from the apparatus upon activation of the trigger and exit  
22 from the housing.  
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1           24.   **(Previously Presented)**   The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the  
2 locating beacon comprises one of: a glowing stick, an audible beacon, a strobing  
3 light, or a GPS device.  
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